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I wanted to let you know I think the proposed settlement of the anti-trust action against Microsoft is entirely too lenient, considering the fact that their anti-competitive actions have been well documented and established in the courts.

I suggest the best action to take, for the benefit of the computing public, would be to force Microsoft to publish their source code. This would allow the numerous bugs in it, which Microsoft has shown little interest in fixing to be cleaned up by the many capable programmers. As an example of how effective this process can be, take a look at the Open Source industry, and the Linux operating system in particular.

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